

Winner served as Dean of Instruction, Acting Assistant Campus Director, and now as Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Terry Campus in Dover and Assistant Campus Director at Wilmington/Stanton.

In all of these roles, from faculty member to administrative leader, Dr. Winner has proved an invaluable member of the Delaware Tech family. She played an instrumental role in establishing and promoting that mindset for which Delaware Tech has become known and that has helped the organization thrive into the statewide institution that it is today: "focused on excellence, but never ignoring the individual". Dr. Winner never lost sight of the educators' primary mission to serve and mentor students in order that they may become successful individuals. It is this selfless dedication that has come to define the character of Dr. Connie Winner in the minds of her colleagues and students at Delaware Tech.

Once again, I commend Dr. Connie Winner on nearly four decades of exemplary service to Delaware Technical & Community College. While I am sure that her caring spirit will be missed in the halls of the campuses, I am confident that she will remain an active and influential member of the Delaware community.

A TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL VELÁZQUEZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Israel Velázquez. Mr. Velázquez is the founder and President of Velázquez Associates, Inc., and its subsidiary Velázquez Accounting Services (D/B/A), a New York-based Accounting and Non Profit Development Consulting firm.

Mr. Velázquez, for the past 30 years, has consistently assembled public and private partnerships on affordable housing and economic development projects in urban cities throughout the United States and in several Caribbean islands. Mr. Velázquez has successfully managed to have a major input in various national, statewide and citywide revitalization programs benefiting various disadvantaged communities. His tireless efforts have borne fruit, as evidenced by new ventures in affordable housing, senior citizen housing complexes, community-owned shopping centers and well-recognized youth programs in these communities.

Mr. Velázquez has held several executive positions as the first Comptroller for organizations such as the West Harlem Community Organization, Inc., the National Black United Fund, and the Black United Fund of New York, Inc.

Currently, Mr. Israel Velázquez serves as Special Project Director for the East New York Development Corporation formulating public and private partnerships in ascertaining corporate giving, public grants, and funding specialized academic and recreation programs/activities for the youth in the East New York community.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Israel Velázquez for his extraordinary accomplishments on behalf of East New York and elsewhere.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Israel Velázquez.

HONORING THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAILBLAZERS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding group of women from Lewis and Clark Community College who last week completed an amazing soccer season by winning the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 National Championship.

The Lewis and Clark Trailblazers defeated previously unbeaten Darton College by a score of 3-2 on November 3, 2008 to cap off a 27-1 season, thereby setting an NJCAA record for most wins in a single season.

My congratulations go to head coach Tim Rooney, assistant coaches Ryan Hodge and Meghan Rooney, and the members of the 2008 National Champion Trailblazers: Taylor Bivens, Nicole Yaun, Brittany St. John, Liz Pivin, Molly Kellett, Meredith Morkel, Sarah Schultenhenrich, Kim Kahre, Bridget Belli, Kaylee Neutzling, Jennifer Vandever, Mallory Morkel, Kelly Musenfichter, Bianca Busch, Jessica Randazzo, Emily Winschel, Jamie Beuhle, Kristin Pelley, Emily Silorski, and Danielle Lucks.

These women represented themselves, their families and their community in a first-class fashion, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors, both on and off the field.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY CPT ROB YLLESCAS

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a brave young man who called Nebraska's Third District home, Army CPT Rob Yllescas, who was laid to rest this week after succumbing to injuries received in Afghanistan on October 28. He commanded B-Troop, 6-4 Cavalry of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Rob has been described as a hero both on and off the battlefield. I was honored to speak with his family a few weeks ago, and I was touched by their hope, resolve, and spirit even as Rob struggled against his injuries. Nebraskans throughout our State are sending our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Dena, and his two daughters, Julia and Eva. I know Rob's strength is with them.

Words cannot express our gratitude for Rob's service to our country, or the loss of such a brave friend and father. We can do no less than live up to his ideals.

A TRIBUTE TO MARSHAN MASON GAINER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Marshan Mason Gainer. Ms. Gainer began her career as a public high school teacher in Washington, D.C. after receiving her BA degree in English and Secondary Education from the State University of New York at Fredonia and an MA from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

Ms. Gainer, in her 30-year career, has been responsible for the development and implementation of sales and management training and the design of multi-media and computer-based training programs. She has administered assessment centers and conducted training programs throughout the United States and abroad. Her areas of responsibility also cover all phases of human resource management for staff located worldwide.

Before retiring from her position as Vice President of management services for Save the Children (a relief and development organization operating in 40 countries), Ms. Gainer was responsible for developing and implementing human resource policies and programs for the more than 2,500 staff members in the headquarters, field and overseas offices. A worldwide traveler, Ms. Gainer has visited countries on five continents. Her adventures also included stops in almost every state in America.

Ms. Gainer is an active member of the Prince Hall Order Eastern Star and its affiliate groups. She has held several offices, chaired many committees, and was most recently the Grand Worthy Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star Inc., State of New York.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Marshan Mason Gainer for her extraordinary accomplishments on behalf of children across the world.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marshan Mason Gainer.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES BABATUNDE ADEGBOYE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man who stood in the forefront of helping to propel his countrymen to a sense of moral and ethical courage through the giving and sharing of one's talents for the good of the society in which he lived. On behalf of the people of the great State of Florida, I stand today to recognize the personal and professional accomplishments of a man who loved his country and his family, and gave unselfishly of his time and talents to make a better place for all.

Mr. James Babatunde Adegboye, a great family man and a financial expert passed on November 26, 2008, at the University of Florida & Shands Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida.